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5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
6 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
7 AT SEATTLE

8 ROBERT McBRIDE,)
9 Plaintiff,) CASE NO. C16-0601 RSM
10 v.)
11 NANCY A. BERRYHILL, Acting) MINUTE ORDER DIRECTING
12 Commissioner of Social Security,) ADDITIONAL FILING OF
13 Defendant.) DOCUMENTATION

14 The following MINUTE ORDER is made by direction of the Court, the Honorable
15 Ricardo S. Martinez, Chief United States District Judge:

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17 Plaintiff has moved for an award of attorney's fees in this matter, which the government
18 does not oppose. Dkts. #19 and #20. However, the Supreme Court has specifically held that "a
19 § 2412(d) fees award is payable to the litigant" as a prevailing party, rather than to the litigant's
20 attorney. *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586, 589, 130 S.Ct. 2521, 2524 (2010). Because Plaintiff
21 requests that the attorney fees be paid directly to his counsel (Dkt. #19-3 at 1), a document
22 authorizing assignment of the fee to Plaintiff's counsel is required. Accordingly, Plaintiff is
23 required to file the requisite documentation of any fee agreement before the Court will issue an
24 Order awarding fees.
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DATED this 16th day of August 2017.

WILLIAM McCOOL, Clerk

By: /s/ Rhonda Stiles
Deputy Clerk